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## OPPOSED TO THE MUTUELS

HALF MILE TRACK MEN OF BALTIMORE PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED CHANGE.

Baltimore County Race Commission Gives Hearing to Interested Persons and Announces That Decision Will Be Given Today.

Baltimore, Md., December 16.—About forty persons interested in half-mile race tracks in Baltimore County appeared before the Baltimore County Race Commission Saturday to protest against the installation of pari-mutuel betting machines. All three members of the commission were present. Harmony prevailed throughout the session and the members of the commission listened attentively to the objections set forth by the opponents of the betting machines. The meeting was requested by the men connected with the half-mile ovals, who said they would have to close their gates if the commission insisted that betting should be done only through pari-mutuel machines. Some maintained the machines would mean a monopoly for Pimlico.

When the commission was appointed the members gave out the statement that betting would be done in Baltimore County only by the pari-mutuel system after January 1, 1913.

After the half-mile side of the case had been presented, the commission stated it would consider the matter and make known its decision after a meeting to be held tomorrow.

The Baltimore County Race Commission is composed of Redmond C. Stewart, Frederick Von Kapf and Spaulding Lowe Jenkins.

The following persons spoke in the interest of the half-mile tracks:

Gentlemen's Driving Park—Joseph A. Ellis and Herman Bernheimer.

Prospect Park—Henry A. Brehm.

Electric Park—Arthur N. Elrod and Harry B. Wolf.

Timonium—Asa B. Gardiner, Jr., and E. Gittings Merriman.

These persons were united in the opinion that installing betting machines would mean the passing of running and harness races on their tracks, for they said they could not see their way clear to finance the meetings. The revenue from bookmakers, they assert, nearly meets these obligations. The half-mile owners further asserted that the betting machines are only an experiment, are something new to the local public, and they think it will be a hardship to have the machines tried out on them. The small track owners declared they understood that Pimlico has ordered about twenty machines. The machines formerly cost \$500, but now are selling for \$375.

Another objection raised is that 5 per cent. of the amount wagered in the machines at Pimlico is to be used to help the half-mile tracks. Many persons, it is claimed, would prefer to wager their money at Pimlico, for they would point out that they would get a larger percentage for their money.

The commission members said they wanted to do all in their power to help the half-mile tracks, but they would not assist the owners of the half-mile tracks.

The members also stated that they would consider the matter thoroughly before arriving at a decision.

## MR. KEENE'S IDEAS SET FORTH.

Hamilton Bushey, the veteran trotting horse writer, called upon James R. Keene recently and talked over matters regarding a resumption of racing in New York. Mr. Bushey says: "Mr. James R. Keene has been a very sick man, but the tide has turned. He does not go down to his office, but keeps in close touch with the movements of the financial world. We discussed the outlook for the revival of racing on the Jockey Club tracks of New York. Mr. Keene is not one of those who believe that old conditions will be restored as soon as Governor-elect Sulzer becomes governor, or when President-elect Wilson is inaugurated at Washington. The change will have to come gradually. The reform organizations fought Mr. Sulzer, and a radical movement on his part would concentrate against him the opposition of all who believe in the upbuilding character of church and school. Had the Republican strength not been divided the result of the recent election might have been different.

"The conservative hope is for a repeal of the director's liability clause. Mr. Keene was interested in hearing of the success of the belated meetings on the trotting tracks in the State of New York, and remarked that the effort to give them a larger space in the public eye because he was more useful to the people in general than the runner. The trotting meetings, therefore, can be conducted under conditions that might cripple running meetings. There is no question about the general usefulness of the light harness horse, but I suggested that the Jockey Club should not haul down its flag until it has thoroughly tested meetings without the active support of professional bookmakers. I am of the opinion that short racing meetings can be given without heavy loss if the effort to give them is earnest. The days of immense dividends from racing meetings will never return. There is a growing desire to conduct all speculative operations on tracks through pari-mutuel machines, and this action will satisfy the vice-chairman of the Jockey Club."

## BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE DEAD.

Marion Martin, Corsicana, Tex., reports the death of Bonnie Prince Charlie, foaled in 1902, by The Chevalier—Charlotte, by Tea Tray, Bonnie Prince Charlie raced as a young horse on the Chicago tracks during the closing days of racing in this locality and of late years his racing has been confined to the tracks of the great southwest. He last raced in 1911 in the colors of Powell & Parker and his racing record is as follows:

Year.	Age.	Srs.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Unp.	Won.
1904	2	18	2	0	0	16	795
1905	3	28	9	5	4	19	3,213
1906	4	25	2	2	3	18	1,800
1907	5	25	6	4	4	17	1,690
1908	6	20	6	4	3	16	2,490
1909	7	28	12	7	3	6	1,140
1910	8	27	6	2	3	16	1,140
1911	9	8	0	0	0	8	....
Totals (8)	164	43	20	16	91	\$12,023	

## KEENE STALLIONS TO STAND PUBLICLY.

Lexington, Ky., December 16.—It is announced that James R. Keene's great stallion, Voter, distinguished Ben Brush, Colt, Titimus, Delhi, Superman, Hippodrome and Sweep will be open for public engagements during the coming breeding season. The Keene stallions have not heretofore been accessible to the public and the announcement of this change of policy is being received with acclaim by Kentucky breeders. The scarcity of good horses in Kentucky at present had made the approaching season's matings rather a perplexing question and Mr. Keene's announcement will afford relief.

## ADD TO GRAVESEND TRACK PROPERTY.

Brooklyn Jockey Club Buys Piece of Land That Will Square Its Enclosure.

New York, December 16.—Year after year there have been reports circulated of the cutting up of the Gravesend race track of the Brooklyn Jockey Club into building lots. Just as regularly the reports have been denied, and now instead of selling, the club has added to its racing property. Kelly's road house, with the considerable property that it occupied at the corner of King's Highway and the Boulevard, was recently purchased by Philip J. Dwyer and his associates. The building has been torn down and the property is fenced so that it squares off that end of the Gravesend track.

When the Gravesend track was built the triangular plot on which stood the Kelly road house was the only part of the district from King's Highway to Hamlin's Lane and from the Boulevard to Gravesend avenue that was not taken. By this most recent purchase the property is squared.

The acquisition of this property will afford a new automobile entrance to the course. The boulevard is the natural automobile route to the course, but it has always been necessary to go through King's Highway to reach an entrance. Now it will be possible by the establishing of a new gate to have an entrance direct from the Boulevard. The purchase was made from the estate of John Kelly after the road house had been idle ever since the enforced discontinuing of racing over the Gravesend course.

John Kelly, from whom the road house took its name, and who operated it for many years, was a character who was well known to the older turfmen. He was known as Kelly the shed man, and at both Sheephead Bay and Gravesend he held the shed privileges. This privilege was the housing of rigs and horses of wagers of the races. In the old-time racing at both tracks before the automobile, the taking care of horses and carriages during a race afternoon brought many a fee to Kelly and he died wealthy.

The road house was always a particularly popular one with the horsemen and among those who always lived there during the season were Matt Allen, Arthur Featherstone, Sam Doggett, before he purchased his home; Julius and Dick Bauer and a number of others as well known.

After the death of Kelly the widow leased the place to Charles Bader, and under his management it continued to be a popular resort for turfmen, and it was also liberally patronized by the road drivers. In the sport and he was undoubtedly a successful success had it not been for the closing up of the Gravesend track and the consequent moving away of the patrons of the place.

## NOTES OF THE TURF.

J. Oscar Holder will be employed in the same capacity at Palmetto Park during the coming Charleston meeting as last year.

Harry Reed has sold to Mr. Stevens of Cleveland, O., the chestnut mare, Fobbe, by St. Gatien or Alvecot—Himera, by Goldcrest.

Maj. F. A. Daininger is improving, according to late reports from Baltimore, and expects to return to his home in Kentucky in about a month.

James B. Haggin has added the 140-acre farm of Thomas W. Moore, on the Russell Cave pike, to his immense Elmendorf estate near Lexington, Ky.

One hundred and thirty applicants were created for the third paid stewards' positions just received for the Melbourne, Australia, district. The salary is \$4,000 per year.

S. K. Hughes has charge of the horses of Thomas Fortune Ryan and is spending the winter at Oak Ridge. Mr. Ryan, since his comparatively recent appearance on the turf, has taken a lively interest in the sport and he will undoubtedly have a strong string of thoroughbreds for next season.

Slightly over 500,000 votes were cast last month on the initiative measure providing for the establishment of a state racing commission in California. The vote in favor was 149,863, while there were 353,070 votes in opposition. These figures have just been announced by the Secretary of State of California.

James P. Jacobs, head of the Louisville, Latonia and Juarez race track police, was bound over to the grand jury at Cincinnati Saturday on a charge of shooting to kill. The police charge Jacobs with having seriously wounded Benjamin Cray, by Hanover, Burned House. The trouble grew out of the action of Jacobs in ordering Cray from the Latonia course during the fall meeting.

Stour, owned by Thomas Hitecock, Jr., and Sybilla, owned by M. Courville, ran a dead heat at Saint Omer in France, last Friday in the Prix de l'Yvette, a steeplechase of 5,000 francs for four-year-olds and upward, distance 3,400 meters. Jockey F. Williams rode the American horse and Hawkins rode Sybilla. Eleven participated in the race. Twenty francs on Stour paid twenty-seven and twenty on Sybilla, eighty-three.

Several officials high in the government service and interested in the remount service were in Kentucky last week, looking over types most suitable for this service. Col. Henry Fairfax, R. S. Stanley, U. S. A., and Col. Charles L. Bailey spent one day at Hamburg Place looking over the horses and discussing with J. E. Madden the most suitable types for remounts. They also visited the farms of J. N. Camden, Col. E. F. Clay, and Catesby Woodford.

It is probable that a bill to legalize the totalizator will be re-introduced in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales shortly. Whether it will be brought in as a government or private measure is not yet quite clear, but the probabilities are that it will be a private bill. It is understood that it will have considerable support from the ministerialists, if the government does not itself push the bill through.—Sydney Referee.

R. E. Riley has purchased from A. E. Hancock two geldings and had them shipped to Charleston, S. C. Last week to be trained for the Charleston meeting. One of these is a chestnut colt named for himself, Bob Riley, by Pink Coat—Francie, by Hindoo. The other colt is a bay, named Tom Hancock, by Pink Coat—Lady Godiva, by Hanover.

Both of these colts were broken by Kimball Patterson at Lexington before being shipped to Charleston and showed good prospects.

By sustaining the defendant's demurrer to the petition, Circuit Judge Tracy at Covington, Ky., ruled that G. M. Bond, of Lexington, cannot recover \$13,000 damages for the death of his race horse, Little Bee, which impaled itself on a fence at the Latonia race track June 5. The animal was being exercised about the course when it suddenly ran away. The Latonia Agricultural Association was sued, but the court held that the plaintiff was merely permitted to use the premises and was not invited to do so by the owners.

H. H. Emmons, owner of Rudolfo, winner of the Latonia Cup, is on a hunt for some likely two-year-olds. Rudolfo's cup victory rounded out the season for Mr. Emmons on the right side of the ledger. He had more than his share of hard luck until that victory, early in November, squared all losses and put him winner something more than \$12,000. Mr. Emmons had a supreme confidence in his horse and under the pari-mutuel system he is now looking for a good rider for next season. His horses are wintering at Louisville, but it is possible that he will campaign a small string at Charleston.

## COMING TWO-YEAR-OLDS AT CHARLESTON.

Entries for Juvenile Events to Be Decided at Palmetto Park Excite Interest.

Charleston, S. C., December 16.—To breeders, owners and trainers the first two-year-old stakes of each year are always of importance, and the publication of the entries are awaited with a great deal of interest, as they show what two-year-olds are likely to compete for the early prize money and what material will be available later on in the season. Owing to the prohibitory laws that have been passed in the last few years, the breeding industry has slumped badly. In normal times the breeding registration with the Jockey Club amounted to 4,000; last year there were about 2,000 and this year there will not be more than 1,500. In the face of this enormous decrease the shipments abroad of thoroughbreds still continue and eventually, if there is no relief from the oppressive laws that have blighted the thoroughbred industry, the racing associations of this country will have to close their gates on account of the scarcity of thoroughbreds, as there will not be a sufficient number left to make coasts.

At Palmetto Park the yearlings furnish a fruitful topic for discussion, and from the owner to exercise boy, every colt and filly has his or her partisans. Frank McGinty, one of James Milton's assistants, is on the grounds and is busily engaged in teaching the embryo racers how to behave at the barrier.

The Charleston Fair and Racing Association has five two-year-old stakes on its program to be decided during the coming meeting. The Debutante Stakes for fillies will be the first contested. It closed with twenty-one entries. George W. J. Bissell has entered the well-named Dainty Mint, by Hastings—Chicklets; James S. Everman, a filly by Cesarion—Bezieque, and therefore a sister to the stake winner, Mollie Montrose; Hickey & McClure a half-sister to Alberto; J. W. May is going to run one bred at F. A. Forsythe's Fountainblue Stud at Harrodsburg, Ky. She is by Oddfellow—Crisscross. John H. Morris has a half-sister to Shirley Rossmore to represent him. She is by Imported Chant—Tandy Lawrence & Constock will send to the post a filly named Dolly Waters. She is the first of the get of Rapid Water and is out of Dolly. F. J. Pons will have one of his home-breds, a filly by The Commoner—Lucree. A filly by Danvers—Vesper is entered by John O. Talbott. This filly is certainly bred in the purple. She is by one of the premier stallions of the country and is out of a mare that has produced the winners Bumble Bee, Orion, Angelus, The Vicar, Evening Song and Stilly Night.

In the Juvenile Stakes, Frank E. Brown will be represented by the chestnut colt by Uhlman—Steppling Stone. C. Bills, for whom W. O. Joplin trains, will run a bay colt by Out of Reach—Miss Bail. C. D. Chenault has a colt which he has named Colonel C. He is by Marta Santa—Siona. J. M. Good has three colts entered and they are all by Marta Santa. One of them is out of Piacynne II., the dam of Polli, which won a number of stakes in the colors of R. L. Thomas.

J. L. Holland has made a number of entries to these stakes and they are all by the imported stallion Martinet. One of his entries in the Juvenile Stake is out of Suave and is a brother to Deceivable. The Juvenile Stakes has forty entries.

In the Georgetown Stakes, which has forty entries, Mrs. L. A. Livingston, owner of the Rancocas Stud at Johnstown, N. J., has entered a chestnut filly by Voter—Sumida. George Ham has entered a bay gelding by Marta Santa—Roberta Lee. G. M. Johnson will be represented by a filly by Dick Welles—Please, the latter's first foal. T. D. Sullivan has entered a Hamburg colt one of Spindrift. A half-brother to The Phipps, which won a number of races in the colors of George Odum.

The Calhoun Selling Stakes has thirty-five entries. W. O. Joplin has entered two, one of them being a bay filly by Orlando—Frankness; E. W. Moore will run a chestnut filly by Lord Esterling—My Bessie; John H. Morris has named the colt Toronto, by Nasturium—Affect; John O. Talbott will be represented by the Whitney-bred colt by Burgomaster—Breakdown.

The Pine Forest Inn Stakes closed with thirty-seven. W. F. Schulte has named a bay colt by Sempronius—Gliding By. T. D. Sullivan a chestnut colt by Dick Welles—Animosity. Mrs. L. A. Livingston a brown filly by Uhlman—Luray, which filly is a sister to the sterling stable by Lord Esterling. Messrs. Lawrence & Constock have two by Salvation, a son of Salvador. George Clarkson will run a bay colt by Allowmalse—Clare Russell and H. H. Stanhope will be represented by the chestnut colt by McGee—Baltimore Belle.

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Teahan	352	79	49	39	185	.22
Schuttlinger	352	79	96	82	295	.14
Moleworth	475	75	76	91	308	.14
Hopkins	475	72	68	53	282	.15
Peark	422	69	71	47	235	.16
Forsythe	443	68	61	62	252	.15
Skirling	619	68	47	62	414	.11
Shilling, C. H.	218	66	45	31	74	.30
Pickens	371	63	54	54	200	.17
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Callahan, J.	571	61	81	91	338	.11
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## REGULATION NEEDED IN CANADA, TOO.

A matter that might well engage the attention of the Canadian Racing Associations is the question of freight and express service and rates on race horses. It is a common complaint that the service rendered by the railway companies is in no way proportionate to the charges, difficulty getting cars, slow transit and extravagant rates being the chief grievances of owners both of race and show horses. A proper presentation of the situation to the Dominion Railway Board would no doubt result in similar action to that of the Kentucky Railway Commission, which has recently issued an order regulating these rates in that state.—Toronto Globe.

## LAYERS REAP A HARVEST

BOOKMAKERS FINALLY HAVE A WINNING DAY AT JUAREZ TRACK.

Horses Quoted at Liberal Odds, and Accorded Scant Backing, Cut Conspicuous Figure in Results—Injury Makes Auspicious Debut.

El Paso, Tex., December 16.—Horses with liberal odds laid against their chances of winning figured largely in the results at Juarez this afternoon. Two favorites scored for the students of form and the layers at last had one good winning day. The fifth race brought together a good band of sprinting selling platers. Tern's Trick was installed favorite on the strength of fast performances over this track last year, but he was unable to get to the front, where he likes to run. Chas. Goetz, ridden by Jockey Forsyth, was leading the first division and he palpably interfered with Oakland, which in turn jumped into Mimoroso. The latter staggered and nearly fell, causing a general mixup just as they turned into the homestretch. Elizabeth Harwood and Tern's Trick suffered most. Jockey Forsyth was immediately suspended for five days by the stewards for rough riding and in addition was suspended by starter Cassidy for six days for disobedience at the post.

Jockey Groth was disciplined to the extent of a five-days' suspension by starter Cassidy for his tactics with Bells at the barrier.

John Murphy, a prominent business man and politician of Butte, Mont., arrived today, to remain a week or so. Mr. Murphy says that the situation continues bright for the future of racing in Montana, as the majority in both houses of the recently elected legislature, the governor and the lieutenant-governor are all favorable to the sport.

Larry Leon of Memphis, Tenn., who was formerly connected with G. C. Bennett, was an interested spectator at the track today.

George Van Gordon came in from Danville, Cal., with four promising yearlings of his own breeding, the get of General Roberts and also the three-year-old Maximo.

R. A. Jones sold the three-year-old Orperth to S. N. Hoover this morning for \$400.

John Gilbert Rose was being exercised yesterday. The horse ran into a fence, severely cutting himself and breaking the leg of Will Shearer, the boy riding him.

The weather yesterday was all that could be desired, being as perfect a day for winter racing as could be imagined. The attendance at the track came close to equalling that of the opening day. The betting ring was filled to its capacity and speculation was the heaviest of the meeting. The racing program for the day consisted of a handicap, two allowance races and three selling races. The track was faster than heretofore during the present meeting. Injury won the principal race of the day, a handicap at one mile, running the distance in 1:30 1/2. He carried 122 pounds and won pulling up. He was the most heavily backed horse of the season, his odds being hammered down from 8 to 1 to 3 to 1. It is reported that a large amount of money that had been sent to outside points the day before was returned to the track and invested in the race. The race was run to suit injury. Crossover and Lackrose made the pace, with injury within striking distance. Jockey Gross, finding an opening when Crossover and Lackrose swung just a trifle wide in entering the field before making a rush with a rush and he had an easy time of it thereafter.

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